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**Intimations.**  
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THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M., on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 23rd, 24th and 25th instant, respectively.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1904. 330

**FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.**  
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By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1904. 344

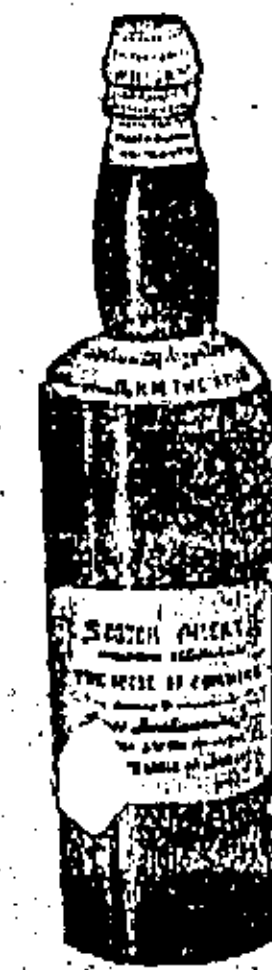
**NOTICE.**  
THE Departure of the S.S. *Coptic* for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, (Inland Sea), Yokohama and Honolulu, is POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY, the 24th inst., at Daylight.  
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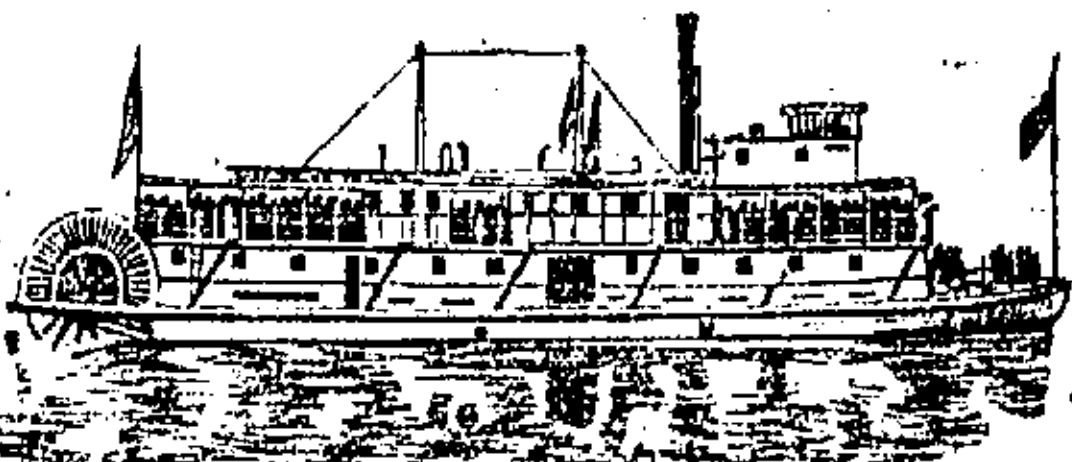
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By Order of the Court of Directors,  
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1904. 334

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Office of the Company, Nos. 35 and 40, Queen's Road Central.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1904. 301

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February to the 5th March, both days inclusive.  
JAIDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1904. 239

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February to the 10th March, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1904. 230

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## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
London, January 15.  
Two ghastly accidents this week show the need for more study and carelessness in regard to the scientific apparatus that environs our daily lives, before we rush too hastily to seek industrial applications of the deadly radium. A gas-main broke in Piccadilly about six o'clock on Wednesday morning, and the gas immediately ignited, threatening the whole region with a tremendous explosion, the result of which would be incalculable. Now, it seems that you cannot turn off an eighteen-inch main, so the pipe had to be bored and plugged by an indiarubber bladder inserted and inflated. For eight hours the fire engines were pouring a lake of water on and around the flames, and it would be safe to say that the fashionable tiffin rooms in the vicinity, the Berkeley, Jimmy's and others, never had so poor a gathering in the luncheon hour. The block of traffic was immense. Even after two in the afternoon, when the last gas flame had reluctantly flickered out, a single line of vehicles was the utmost that would be permitted, so colossal was the bone in the throat of the West End. The other accident was simpler. An overhead wire fell in the Far West End, beyond Shepherd's Bush, and promptly electrocuted two horses. The moral seems to be that there is still room for inventors to devise some simple plan by which gas mains can be blocked at different points along their course, and some arrangement by which the current shall be automatically cut off from a wire which breaks. Even then the falling wire might curl as it fell and decapitate some one, but this would be more desirable than a horrible death, with the corpse set on fire by the electricity.

One does not expect sound common-sense in a man's expression of opinion concerning his own merits in so confidential a document as his last will and testament, but one of the provisions of the will of Mr Herbert Spencer deserves to be noted. After naming Mr David Duncan as his biographer, he directs that his biography shall be 'in one volume of moderate size.' After it has become the rule for the friends of every poetaster, bishoplet or priestling to inflict on the public at least two thick quartos, although all that is known of Shakespeare could be printed in half a column, and Julius Caesar gets no more than an article in works of reference, it is a promise of better things when a man of real eminence sets so bright an example. Outside personal friends and reviewers who are paid to do it, no man thinks of wading through the colossal biographies padded out with the shakings of the chestnut tree that follow the funerals of the relatively eminent as inevitably as the mourning coaches.

At the Hilary Examination of the Council of Legal Education, Mr. Hung Kwok-leung, a student of Lincoln's Inn, passed in Roman Law. This young man was a credit to Queen's College, both in studies and in sport, and it is pleasant to see him making rapid progress towards the wig and gown of a barrister.

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The teams were as follows:—

H. K. F. C.: F. H. Kew, goal; Austen and Aucott, backs; Gray, Donnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; Williams, Cooper, Hancock, Whitmore and Danby, forwards.

H. M. S. 'Ocean': McDiarmid, goal; McIntyre and Hall, backs; Wright, Holt, and Schwann, halves; Spinner, Cornabe, Downie, Walsley, and Vaughan, forwards.

Referee, Mr. Davies.

Having lost the spin of the coin, Downie for the Ocean kicked off facing the sun. The opening exchanges found the Club's forwards pressing, but their weak shooting spoiled their efforts so far. At the other end, Austen and Aucott had to work hard to keep the Ocean forwards from scoring. A little later, Donnar kicked out to save an attack by Vaughan. The Ocean forwards, who were being splendidly served by their halves and backs, kept up the pressure. A combined attack by the Ocean forwards resulted in the first goal of the match being scored. Walsley, by clever foot work, piloted the ball straight into Kew's hands. Kew saved well, but the referee decided that the ball had been over the line when Kew saved, and he awarded the Ocean their first goal. From the restart the Ocean forwards were more attacked, until Whitmore relieved with a dashing run up the wing. He placed too far out, and from the throw-in, Cooper and Williams worked the ball well up field, but Cooper's parting shot was just a trifle wide and high. Hancock, a little later, when in a good position for shooting, found himself offside. The Ocean forwards broke away once more, and from a beautiful centre by Spinner, Cornabe headed the ball to Downie, who in turn headed passed Kew, thus registering the Ocean's second goal. A good try by Vaughan a little later just missed by inches. Half-time found the Club attacking, and the score reading:—Ocean, 2; Club, 0.

Hancock, for the Club, opened the second half, and a nice run down was turned aside by McIntyre. A combined attack by the Ocean forwards on Kew's charge looked dangerous. Breaking away at last, Whitmore dashed down the field, but he part-d with the ball too far out, instead of running farther goalwards. The same player, a little later, had the honour of opening the Club's score. Receiving a good pass from Hancock, Whitmore drove a straight ball into the net, giving McDiarmid no chance of saving. A little later Hall, the Ocean's left back, retired for a short time, having received a nasty knock on the knee. The Club's forwards were now playing with more vigour and dash, and the Ocean's defence was severely tested time after time, but McIntyre and Hall were always ready for work. During midfield exchanges Kew headed the ball in the direction of his own goal by mistake, and Spinner getting possession he dashed off with the ball at his feet. He passed in good time to Downie, who returned, and Spinner drove the leather passed Kew from the kick-off the Ocean's forwards returned to the attack, but Donnar, who, all through, had been playing a good game, kicked out to save a dangerous situation. Hancock and his forwards commenced an attack on the Ocean goal, with the result that Danby scored the Club's second goal. This made the Club only one goal behind their opponents, and excitement ran high. The Club put forth strenuous efforts to notch the equalising point. A little later, Kew saved well from Spinner. A foul near the goal-mouth looked bright for the Club's chances of scoring, but the ball found its way over the crossbar, instead of going underneath. Soon after the whistle sounded, and with it departed the civilians' hopes of being possessors of the Hongkong Challenge Shield for another year. The score was:—Ocean, 3; Club, 2.

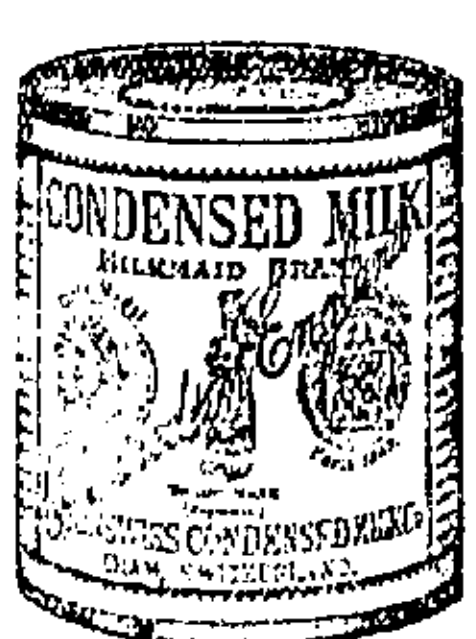
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Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Whampoa
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkison	Whampoa
Albatross	coast defence gunboat	383	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hankow
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farguhar	Formosa
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Albatross	surveying ship	420	6	800	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6500	In Reserve	Hankow
Albatross	river gunboat	150	2	650	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Yangtze
Albatross	river gunboat	150	2	650	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze

\* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

+ Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	982	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberzen	Chafco
Acheron	French gunboat	1798	—	—	Captain Laforriere	Hankow
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Canton
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Amoy
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Singapore
Avalanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	680	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafevre	Shanghai
Chateaufort	French cruiser	8018	18	—	Captain V. Poidlone	Chenulpo
Comete	French gunboat	625	—	—	Commander Lout	Haiphong
Decade	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Guthrie	Haiphong
Kersant	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Golluer	Haiphong
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Deane	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Aron	Saigon
Olry	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	4015	27	8600	Captain Sebaste	Chenulpo
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6701	—	Saigon
Stry	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	—	2	900	Captain Thomas	Saigon
Taklong	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Yangtze
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Saigon
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Along Bay
Viper	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
First Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	35	14,000	Captain Friedrich	—
Gaier	German cruiser	1775	15	2960	Comdr. Wuthmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. van Sommer	Kiautschow
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmenn	Shanghai
Ilus	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron M. Hullesem	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Tobe
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Kroencke	Hongkong
Möwe	German gunboat	1539	—	—	Comdr. Vesper	Hongkong
Seeadler	German cruiser	1440	15	2800	Comdr. Hoffman	Chenulpo
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	Chenulpo
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Welse	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	—	Chenulpo
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Dues rne	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4600	24	6800	Captain Zezi	Shanghai
Vittorio Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Celi	Nagasaki
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Leal	Macao
Alouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatichkof	Port Arthur
Ankold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenscheit	Sunk
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7300	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	—	—	Chenulpo
Hobbe	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogaty	Russian cruiser	6640	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Bogaty	Russian cruiser	631	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Digibit	Russian gunboat	1458	3	1700	Capt. Nasarowsky	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	600	3	3500	Comdr. Yournet	Port Arthur
Jermiaschky	Russian gunboat	1450	6	2700	Comdr. Zagarsky	Port Arthur
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jasson	Vladivostok
Gullak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumof	Sunk
Korietz	Russian gunboat	1813	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Port Arthur
Mandour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Port Arthur
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,206	12	9000	—	Port Arthur
Nyik	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	—	Port Arthur
Olvaingy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasilief	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Petrovich	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Korolef	Achorn
Petrovavlovak	Russian battleship	10,980	16	16,000	Captain Jakovlef	Port Arthur
Pobeda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zazardong	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,980	16	16,000	Captain Oeroff	Port Arthur
Rasboynik	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1788	Comdr. Liven	Chenulpo
Rozvikan	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	—	Achorn
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	12,500	88	17,000	Captain Sopolrennief	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	20	13,250	Capt. Matsavich	Vladivostok
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,980	16	16,000	Captain Sorebrennikoff	Port Arthur
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivorch	Russian gunboat	650	8	1125	Comdr. Glater	Port Arthur
Tarevitch	Russian battleship	12,902	30	16,300	Capt. Behr	Achorn
Varyag	Russian cruiser	1790	30	20,000	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Ressel	Sunk
Vendik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Zabyska	Russian cruiser	1280	15	1124	—	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Cadiz	U. S. cruiser	265	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3215	—	—	Capt. H. R. Mason	Honolulu
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denfil	Singapore
Elsano	U. S. gunboat	340	—	—	Capt. J. A. Conder, V. Hood	Singapore
Helen	U. S. gunboat	1532	8	1868	Comdr. Keaman	Singapore
*Kensack	U. S. gunship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Shanghai
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Honolulu
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1270	6	850	Comdr. Denfield	Shanghai
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beecher	Shanghai
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	8437	20	—	Comdr. Blockley	Canton
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,238	45	—	Captain Duwall	Honolulu
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	4090	—	—	Comdr. G. L. Dyer	Kobe
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3215	—	—	Captain Marshall	Manila
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	18	1118	Comdr. Merrell	Honolulu
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. O. Berckerts	Chenulpo
V. W. Huntington	U. S. gunboat	1287	8	1894	Comdr. U. R. Harris	Shanghai



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General Memoranda.

Thursday, February 25:—

Transfer of Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 15th March, inclusive.

Goods per Gregory Avenue undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

Friday, February 26:—

Auction of the whole of the Household Furniture, at No. 22, Morrison Hill Road.

Saturday, February 27:—

Goods per Silesia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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Monday, February 29:—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.

Goods per Mogul undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Java not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.



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February 20, 1904.

## BIRTHS.

On the 9th February, at Yokohama, Mrs. H. C. GILLMAN, of a Son.  
On the 15th February, at 39, Seaward Road, Shanghai, the wife of CHARLES G. BAROTTE, of a Daughter.  
On the 14th February, at 5, Markham Road, Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs G. C. DEW, a Daughter.  
On the 17th February, at 8, Wooning Road, Shanghai, the wife of JAMES TIPPIN, of a Daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 5th January, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, by the Rev. W. H. TAKER, HARRY ERNEST SHADROTT, of Shanghai, China, to BRATICE, daughter of the late Henry Humphreys, of Cheltenham.  
On 13th February, at St. George's Church, Peking, by Rev. F. JAMES, M.A., M.B., HUI, second son of the late Archibald (Wair, Esq., M.D., of Great Malvern, to MARY, M.D., daughter of Rev. Frederick C. Skey, M.A., vicar of Weare, Somerset.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1904.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

A gentleman living in the Hongkong Hotel, NUIRANCE, complains to us of a nuisance which ought to be mitigated by the proper authorities. Although it is now a week since the celebration of the Chinese New Year, when license is given to our Chinese fellow-citizens to indulge in displays of fireworks, it would seem that the Chinese have determined to keep on celebrating until the police put a stop to their outrageous conduct. It is bad enough that they should be allowed to make one night hideous at this time of festivity, but there is absolutely no excuse for a continuance of the infernal din. It should be remembered that business men living in the vicinity of the city require their regular rest. This they cannot obtain if the Chinese are allowed to create a pandemonium of noise night after night. The police ought to suppress the nuisance at once. We hope the police will also direct their attention to the suppression of the din-raising, nerve-racking booms that seem to be especially popular with the Chinese this year. We understood that these booms were not allowed by the regulations, and if that is so it is all the more incomprehensible why the police should allow them to be used so generally.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**The Sherwood Foresters.**  
Brevet Lieut-Colonel C. N. Watts, at present in Tientsin, is to succeed Colonel H. C. WILLY, C.B., as commanding officer of the 1st Sherwood Foresters.

**The Firing on the 'Fuping.'**  
The Port Arthur correspondent of the *Echo de Chine* (Shanghai) attributes the firing on the *Fuping* to the lack of sang-froid, or rather madness, of a Russian naval officer. He says that it is 'an act which has been severely condemned by everyone at Port Arthur, as fully by the Russians as by other foreigners.'

**A Cruel Suggestion!**  
If it is true (says the *N.-C. Daily News*) that the crew of the boat chartered for the Times War Correspondents have refused to navigate the vessel in the storm-centre, we would suggest that copies of the 'Encyclopedia Britannica' be offered as rewards to them. A delicate hint that it is their 'last chance' to secure the monumental work should be effective.

**Russian Unpreparedness.**  
A traveller to Shanghai via the Siberian Railway, who left Port Arthur just before the torpedo boat attack, says his impression of the Russian citadel a few hours before the attack was that it was quite unprepared for any such onslaught. He saw no troops coming out from Europe by the railway; and naval and military officers with whom he travelled were confident in their opinion that there would be no war.

**The Unfortunate 'Mandjour.'**  
The *N.-C. Daily News* of the 15th inst. says:—The possible movements of the Russian gunboat *Mandjour* still give rise to many conjectures. It is now fairly certain that she has not been disarmed, as was supposed, but is in fact fully ready to go to sea, as soon as she can get a pilot—and finds it advisable. A Russian whaler came in on Saturday and apparently brought dispatches for the *Mandjour*.

**Wisdom in High Places.**  
The remarks on Chinese acquiescence of His Lordship the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions remind us of the famous advice of the late Sir E. J. Akroyd given some years ago from the same bench, parodied by a local journalist: 'You should be like me. I never have anything to say about it. I never have anything to say. I never have anything to say. And the Court Order strove to suppress the audible snore by shouting 'Silence in Court!'

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Notes by the Way.**  
Prize Courts have been established at Saecho and Tokio.  
The Japanese seized a quantity of Cardiff coal at Chemulpo.

The Russo-Chinese Bank has sold its land and buildings at Yokohama.

The *Haimun* left Shanghai for the scene of hostilities on the 16th inst.

Bishop Moore, who was a passenger by the C.E.R.S. *Singari*, is in Ceylon.

A German telegram states that Count Pückler has been killed in the Cameroons.

The German Emperor has not abandoned his intention to cruise in the Mediterranean.

Our London Letter and a description of Saturday's football match will be found on pages 2 and 3.

Mr Percy Brough, brother to the well-known player, is reported to have died in Marseilles.

A Greater-Polish conspiracy, which was being managed from Lemberg, has been discovered at Warsaw.

The Emperor of Austria is suffering from a new attack of sciatica. So far there is no immediate danger.

The Japanese Press is united in writing in the most cordial terms of Baron Rosen and his consistent friendliness to Japan.

A telegram to the French newspaper in Shanghai says that the Russian iron-clad *Tzarevitch* will soon be shot again.

The Emperor has formally congratulated Admirals Togo and Uru on their success at Port Arthur and Chemulpo respectively.

When the Russian Torpedo Transport *Tsawai* sank ninety-eight men were drowned, one hundred and ninety-two being saved.

Mr Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., the British Commissioner, left Shanghai for Weihaiwei by H.M.S. *Rinaldo* on February 16.

A prehistoric village unearthed in Bavaria contained twenty-nine funnel-shaped dwellings, believed to be 3,000 years old.

The account of the firing on the *Fuping* at Port Arthur (published in last night's issue) was taken from the *N.-C. Daily News*.

The German steamer *Emma*, with a large cargo of provisions and munitions for the Russian army, has been detained at Yokohama.

Colonel De Brath's appointment to succeed General E. G. Barrow as Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, is gazetted.

A Berlin telegram states that Germany favours the proposal that Manchuria will be exempted from the negotiations about the neutralisation of China.

Mr R. Littmann, formerly of the Russo-Chinese Bank, who was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at Shanghai for fraud, pleaded guilty to the charges.

Lieutenant-Colonel Youngusband, 17th Light Cavalry, has been selected to command the Corps of Guides, vice Colonel Adams, appointed Colonel-on-the-Staff, Nowshera.

The Japanese resident in Hongkong have started a patriotic fund. The money thus collected will be forwarded by the Japanese Consul, Mr Noma, to the Japanese Government.

The Japanese refugees from Vladivostok who arrived in the *Afridi* at Tientsin report that they were treated with the utmost brutality by the Russian troops before leaving.

Fourteen bachelors presided over the tea-tables at a Congregational gathering in Wales, and all with one exception bore the name of Jones. Each one, of course, considered himself 'the Only Jones.'

There were 124 European and 33 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 94 European and 5,912 Chinese to the Museum during the week ending 21st February (excluding Chinese New Year).

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday, the second officer of the British steamer *M. S. Dollar* was charged with being asleep whilst on duty. The accused was represented by the American Consul, Mr E. S. Bengt. The case was dismissed owing to lack of evidence.

**Indian Polo.**  
The Narain (Lucknow) Polo Tournament final between the Privates and the Lucknow Gymkhana was played on February 5, and resulted in a win for the Privates by three goals and four subsidiaries to one goal and three subsidiaries. The teams were: Privates—Captains Dunbar and Lamb; Colonel Reid and Mr Moore; Gymkhana—Messrs Stanley and Black; the Hon. P. Guest and Captain Home.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**To Study the War.**  
With the consent of Russia, Major Baron Tetlow of the General Staff and Major von Lauenstein of the German Artillery have left for the East, to follow the Russian army.

**U. S. Officer Killed.**  
The *Manila Cablenews* of the 20th inst. reports an uprising of natives in the island of Samar. Lieutenant Rufus McRea and six constabulary men were killed.

**Poisoned by Rupees.**  
Mr J. Clarke, Resident Medical Officer, Eden Sanatorium, died at Darjeeling on February 8. Death was due to blood-poisoning, supposed to have been contracted by counting a large number of rupees, when he had a cut finger.

**Kobe Golf Club.**  
The following officers have been appointed by the Kobe Golf Club:—President, Dr Thormicroft; Captain, Mr G. Millward; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr A. H. Groom, with Messrs E. Lucas, E. H. Gill, J. G. Murray, and Arnold.

**Cricket.**  
The Civil Service C.C. defeated the Royal Army Corps C.C. on Saturday by three wickets and 81 runs. The R.A.M.C. scored 25 runs (Hillbrook 6, Inguire 6, Dearley 4 not out), while the C.S.C.C. compiled 126 for the loss of 6 wickets (R. W. H. 38, Pitt, not out, 21, Gidley, not out, 12, and Jackson 18). Jackson captured seven wickets for 13 runs.

**High-handed Russian Conduct.**  
Capt. Gunderson, of the Norwegian steamer *Bygdo*, was sentenced to four days imprisonment at Port Arthur for giving information to a Japanese. He was simply speaking to a Japanese in the train between Dalny and Port Arthur when he was arrested. His ship went to Shanghai under charge of the first officer, and Captain Gunderson when released followed as a passenger in the *El Dorado*.

**Shanghai Gas Co.**  
The report of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., for 1903 shows a net profit of Tls. 147,416, of which Tls. 37,381 was appropriated to an interim dividend of 7 per cent in July last. This leaves, with Tls. 5,143 brought forward from last year, a divisible sum of Tls. 116,428, and the directors propose to pay a dividend of 7 per cent and a bonus of 3 per cent, making 17 per cent for the year, write off Tls. 23,550 for depreciation and Tls. 23,000 for renewals and depreciation account, and carry forward the balance, Tls. 7,548.

**Regimental Sports.**  
The annual Regimental Sports of the 93rd Burmese Infantry will be held on Friday next, 26th instant, on the Kowloon Parade ground. A start will be made at 3.15 p.m., when the following programme will be presented:—

1. 100 Yards Flat Race for officers of the Fleet and Garrison.  
2. Half-mile Flat Race for N.C.O.'s and men of the Navy and Army.  
3. Half-mile Flat Race for native troops and police.

Lieutenant-Colonel Iremonger and the officers of the 93rd Infantry will be at home to their friends on the ground.

**Lecture on 'Chinese Manners.'**  
The Rev. E. J. Hardy delivered an interesting lecture on 'Chinese Manners' in the City Hall last night. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Hongkong Old Volume Society, and H. E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., presided. There were also present:—Mrs. F. H. May, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Gershom Stewart, Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (President of the Society), Mrs. Dickson, Rev. E. J. Hardy, Colonel Brown, R.E., &c. Mr Hardy's lecture was very interesting, as also were the subsequent remarks made by Mr J. Dyer Bell, the well-known author of 'Things Chinese.'

**The 'Haimun.'**  
The *N.-C. Daily News* of the 16th inst. says:—The *Haimun*, the dispatch boat chartered by the London Times, was alongside the Old Dock Wharf all day yesterday, being fitted with apparatus which lightened her masts to about 100 feet. Her Marconi apparatus arrived by the *Empress of Japan* on Sunday, and the *Haimun* has been awaiting its arrival by lighter from Wooning. She has cleared for the High Seas and will probably leave to-morrow. Her Cantonese crew, not relishing the further voyage of this steamer, were paid yesterday afternoon on a fresh crew. The *Haimun* has about 600 tons of coal in her bunkers, and was taking on a large quantity of provisions yesterday.

**Sore Muscles.**  
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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

## GUARDING THE RAILWAY.

Russia's Request: China's Reply.

LONDON, February 22.

Admiral Alexieff has asked the Chinese Government for troops to assist in guarding the Railway through Manchuria.

The Chinese Government has replied that as Russia insisted that China was incapable of guarding the railway in time of peace she could not be expected to guard it in time of war.

## THE CENSORSHIP.

Foreign Telegrams Allowed.

The Russian authorities have abolished the censorship on foreign telegrams outward, except the ordinary military censorship.

## THE TSUGARU STRAITS AFFAIR.

Japanese Sailors Returned by Russia.

Mr Nomi, the Japanese Consul, communicates the following official telegram:—

Tokyo, February 22, 4.02 p.m.

The crew and passengers of the steamer *Nagaura-maru* (with the exception of two who were drowned), which vessel was sunk off the coast at Tsugaru, were picked up by the Russians and conveyed to Vladivostok.

The Russian authorities in that port have sent them back to Nagasaki on a German steamer. They arrived at Nagasaki on the 22nd inst.

## FIRING ON NEUTRAL SHIPS.

The 'Haimun's' Experiences.

We take the following particulars from Shanghai papers:—

The *Haimun*, Captain Macfarlane, left Chinwangtao on February 10, for Shanghai, but meeting with bad weather ran into Port Arthur roads for shelter. On passing the Liautian Promontory, a Russian cruiser was met, which escorted the *Haimun* to the roads. When the *Haimun* arrived, the cruiser fired a shot at her, and signalled her to anchor at once. This was done, and the *Haimun* remained in the roads until the weather moderated. After remaining there for about three hours, the *Haimun* weighed anchor and proceeded on her way to Shanghai. The cruiser remained at anchor, but when the *Haimun* had gone about a mile or so, she opened fire on the merchant vessel, firing three shots. By the second shot, the *Haimun* had stopped and rounded, and the third shot flew over her. The *Haimun* then went back to the anchorage, accompanied by a torpedo boat ready for action. She was ordered to put out all lights, and shortly afterwards all on board heard the heavy shore batteries booming. Later on, the *Haimun* was ordered to draw her fire, which she did. In the morning, the captain signalled to know when he could put to sea. No answer was made, but the *Haimun*, together with three other steamers (one British, one German and one Russian), were ordered to Dalny. On arrival at Dalny, a sentry was placed on board. Captain Macfarlane protested to the captain of the port against the detention by force of his vessel, the reply he received being that the vessel could not leave, owing to the fact that the harbour mouth had been mined and as the captain of the vessel that laid the mines had been killed by an explosion, no one knew where the mines were. Captain Macfarlane then complained of the risk to which he and his vessel had been exposed in being sent to enter Dalny without a pilot, and was told that it was too late to take his ship further in. Captain Macfarlane was told that the mines were laid by a torpedo boat ready for action. He represented further that no inquiries had been made or reason given for the detention of the ship at Port Arthur or for her being sent to Dalny; also that he had been exposed to heavy firing from the batteries at Port Arthur on the night of the 10th February. Capt. Macfarlane also told the interview that he was not aware of any reason for his ship's arrest, as when he left Chinwangtao there was no news of war and Russian steamers loading coal there had Japanese steamers on board. He (the captain) stated as a communication which should be given by telegram. This he was told might be allowed, as permission was given to respectable Europeans to go ashore; the cost of supplies to the ship would also be allowed by the Russians. One reason alleged why the ship should not be allowed to leave Dalny by the way it came, was that the Japanese would learn the passage, but Captain Macfarlane pointed out that the ship had been ordered away from Port Arthur at once and not detained at Dalny; it would have been impossible for the Japanese or anyone else to have seen anything. It was, therefore, due to the mistake at Port Arthur and to the failure of the authorities there to make any inquiries, that the *Haimun* was detained and those on board allowed to see and hear what they had.The *Haimun* was allowed to leave on February 10, and went to Shanghai. She is not seriously damaged.

Cotton Spinning at Shanghai.

The report of the Loou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd. for 1903 shows a credit to profit and loss account of Tls. 24,248.

The company proposes to write off various sums for depreciation, amounting in all to Tls. 25,000, and carry forward the balance Tls. 15,500.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

## THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON AT JEBUTTI.

LONDON, February 21.

A squadron, believed to be the Russian one recently reported at Jebutti, passed Perim at midnight, bound northward. This coincides with the reports in St. Petersburg that the squadron had been ordered home.

[Jibouti is the port of French Somaliland and is situated on the little Gulf of Tadjura, an inlet on the African shore of the straits opening from the Red Sea into the Indian Ocean, south of and opposite to Aden. It is from Jibouti that the Mullah is believed to have obtained supplies of arms and ammunition.—E.O., C.M.]

## ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.

The Italian cruisers *Calabria*, *Carlo Alberto*, *Lombardia* and *Dagale* have been ordered to the Far East.

## MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

A Russian official statement formally charges Japan with violating international law by making a series of revolting attacks before declaring war.

Admiral Alexieff has been ordered to defer his departure from Harbin until Admiral Makaroff's arrival at Port Arthur.

The Times says that Great Britain's sympathy with Japan is natural and legitimate, and sufficient, should the improbable emergency arise, to enable the Government to give effect to all the terms of the Japanese treaty. British sympathy is not merely grounded on the fact that Japan is our ally, but it draws strength and justification from the knowledge that Japan is fighting the battle of all civilized nations.

## NEW RUSSIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

An Imperial ukase relieves General Kuropatkin of the functions of War Minister, and appoints him Commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria.

## FRANCE AND THE WAR.

The French newspapers have opened subscription lists for the Russian sick and wounded.

The Temps publishes an article laying stress on the anxiety of both Great Britain and France to remain aloof from the war, and urges both countries not to let their indications carry them beyond what is proper.

There was a panic on the Paris Bourse on Saturday in consequence of various baseless rumours that Italy, Germany and France were mobilizing.

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The following in the report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Thirty-fifth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers on Saturday, the 5th March, at noon:—

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Company.

1903 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$193,386.52, which sum, subject to the approval of the Shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz.:—

Dividend of \$25.50 per share..... \$180,000.00

Addition to Reserve Fund..... 15,386.52

\$195,386.52

1904 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$371,110.48.

Mortgages.—From the Reports and Valuations made by the Company's Surveyors, the General Managers



**THE  
ROBINSON  
PIANO  
CO. LTD.**

55 | General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1904.

**Abstract**











### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

...and the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) has been the most influential journal in the field of medicine for over a century.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen, &c.	Seydlitz (s)	Malchers & Co.	March 2.
Bremen, &c.	Roon (s)	Malchers & Co.	March 16.
Genua, Mar'les H'bour	Ajax (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 20.
Havre, Bremen H'bour	Sithonia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 30.
Havre and Hamburg	Bamberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 17.
Havre and Hamburg	Sambia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 25.
Hioho	Wuchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	February 29.
Japan	Tijmbi (s)	China-N'and T'ing Co.	March 5.
Kobe	Anjiko (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	Feb. 26, at Noon
London, &c.	Chusan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 27, at Noon
London, Antwerp, &c.	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 3.
London & Antwerp	Moyne (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 1.
London & Antwerp	Saunders (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 15.
London & Antwerp	Glengyle (s)	McGregor Bros.	March 5.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 27, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 3, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Trumont (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	March 1.
Manila	Kanau (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 24, at Noon

Manila, & Cebu.....	Shant (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	March 2.....
Manila.....	Chongco (a).....	Butterfield & Swire & Co.....	Feb. 24, at Noon.....
New York, Y. S. and Can.....	Changsu (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	March 1.....
New York, Y. S. and Can.....	Macduff (a).....	Dowdell & Co. Limited.....	March 1.....
Ningpo and Shanghai.....	Afridi (a).....	Dowdell & Co. Limited.....	March 15.....
San Francisco via Japan.....	Kidjan (a).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	February 28.....
Shanghai.....	Chingwo (s).....	China Com. S. Co., Ltd.....	Feb. 28, at Noon.....
Shanghai.....	Whampoa (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Feb. 24, at 4 p.m.....
Shanghai.....	Kowloon (s).....	Siemens & Co.....	Feb. 26, at Noon.....
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.....	Nankin (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 27.....
Shanghai.....	Coromandel (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 28.....
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.....	Singny (s).....	Messageries Maritimes.....	About Feb. 24.....
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.....	Yokohama (s).....	Panama & Asiatic Co.....	February 24.....
Shanghai and Portland.....	Indramulia (s).....	Panama & Asiatic Co.....	February 24.....
Singapore, Java, Pore, & Tjilatjap.....	Harau (s).....	China Mail and Ting Co.....	1st half of March.....
Singapore, Java, Calcutta.....	Hanauw (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.....	Feb. 24, at Noon.....
Stow, Amoy, Foochow.....	Triumph (a).....	Oakaka Shosen Kaisha.....	Feb. 26, at 10 a.m.....
Stow, Amoy & Tamsui.....	Strove (a).....	Oakaka Shosen Kaisha.....	Mar. 4, at 10 a.m.....
Swatow.....	Hailong (s).....	Douglas Lepraik & Co.....	Feb. 24, at 10 a.m.....
Stow, Amoy, Foochow.....	Thales (s).....	Douglas Lepraik & Co.....	Feb. 26, Daylight.....
Tientsin.....	Chihli (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	March 1.....
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.....	Tanchar (s).....	Canadian P. & O. Co.....	February 24.....

Vancouver (B.C.), ac.	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P. & N. Co	March 9.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Tacoma (s).....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	February 28.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Tacoma (s).....	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	March 16.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Tremont (s).....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	March 23.
Yokohama & Kobe...	Shantung (s).....	Butterfield & Swire ..	February 28.

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
RAIERS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$635, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited ...	19,970	£ 10	£ 8	\$34, buyers
	28,285	£ 10	£ 8	\$34, buyers
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	\$10
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Capitol Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$175, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 83.33	\$ 25	\$55, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 15	£ 5	77s. 67
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 100	\$490, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$135
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	20	\$90, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	50	\$305, buyers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$207, buyers
See. Farwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$51, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 50	\$ 47	\$373, sellers
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	£ 100	100	100

17 RAMBOOTS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$30,000	\$	60	\$ 50 \$24, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	\$30,000	\$	60	all 5 \$35, sellers
H.K. O and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$30,000	\$	15	all 5 \$25, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	\$30,000	\$	10	all 10 \$83, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$10,000	\$	10	\$ 10 \$80, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$10,000	\$	10	\$ 5 \$19, sellers
do. Preference.	\$100,000	\$	1	1 2 1 (21/- sellers
T. K. Tug and Light Co., Ltd.	\$100,000	\$	10	10 10 (\$10, Nominal
Shaogha Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	\$200,000	Tls.	60	Tls. 60 \$35, buyers
do. Preference.	\$100,000	Tls.	60	Tls. 60 \$45, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	\$20,000	\$	100	a \$103, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	\$7,000	\$	100	a \$10, sellers
Perak Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$7,000	\$	60	T \$10, sellers
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow Wharf & Godown Co.	\$30,000	\$	50	all \$25, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	\$20,100	Tls.	100	Tls. 100 Tls. 200, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$50,000	\$	100	100 \$149, sellers
Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$50,000	\$	50	\$ 50 \$10, sellers

Kw loon Land and Building Company	8,000	\$	50	30	\$35, sellers
Wei-hei-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,784	Tls.	25	Tls. 25	\$10, sales
Thompreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	\$	10	25	\$10.60, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited...	5,000	\$	10	2	12 1/2
	12,500	\$	60	\$ 50	\$54, sellers
TRAMWAYS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all	\$300
MINES.					
New Punjion Mining Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$	11	\$ 11	\$1, sellers
Preference shares.	30,000	\$	1		25 cents
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	16,000	Fcs.	250	all	\$800, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£	1	18/10	\$6, sellers
HOTELS ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	60	all	\$148, sellers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin).	2,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 160, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$	25	\$ 25	\$26, sales
NEWSPAPERS.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	80,000	\$	10	all	\$148, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$74, sellers
LIGHTING.					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£	10	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 122 1/2, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$12 1/2, sellers
New Electric (new issue)	30,000	\$	10	\$ 5	\$7, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$25, sellers
ASBESTOS WORKS.					
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	£	12/6	2 12/6	\$5, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100,000	\$	10	\$ 4	\$3
	100,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$210, buyers
Hk. Steam Water-Boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	£	10	\$ 10	\$16 1/2
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	\$	7 1/2	all	\$12 1/2

Longkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	¢	25	all	¢223, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,500	¢	20	¢ 20	Tia. 425
Shanghai Planning Company, Ltd.	20,000	¢	5	¢ 5	Tia. 31, sellers
Shing Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	¢	10	all	¢140, sales & sellers
Shing Kong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	10,000	¢	10	¢ 10	Tia. 154, sellers
Shing Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tia.	50	Tia. 50	Tia. 33, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tia.	75	Tia. 75	Tia. 23
Loan-Kong-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tia.	100	Tia. 100	Tia. 324
Ono Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tia.	500	Tia. 500	Tia. 170
China Pr. vid. Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	60,000	¢	10	¢ 10	¢ 86, sellers
China Boraco Company, Ltd.	60,000	¢	12	¢ 12	¢ 84, sellers
Campbell Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	¢	10	all	¢ 40, sellers
Wm. Paine & Co.	12,000	¢	10	¢ 10	¢ 324, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyestuff Co., Ltd.	1,000	¢	50	¢ 50	¢ 300
The Canton Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited	70,000	¢	10	¢ 10	¢ 10, Nominal
ICEBERG COMPANIES.					
the Iceberg Co., Ltd.	7,500	¢	1	¢ 1	¢ 10, buyers
Albion Limited.	300	¢	500	¢ 50	¢ 600

LOANS.	Amount	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1888	Tls. 287,500	Tls. 504,724	p. annum	Pi

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